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### NATIONAL NEWS

- **The 8th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting was held at Durban, South Africa.** Indian delegation was led by Mr J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. He stated that India is committed to eliminating TB by 2025.
- **NOTE:**
  - BRICS is made up of China, Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa.
  - In December 2010, China, as the Chair, invited South Africa to join BRIC and attend the Summit in Sanya, China.
  - The 1st BRIC Summit was held in June 2009 in Yekaterinburg, Russia.
- The Tamil Nadu government has informed the Madras High Court that a **24-hour helpline has been set up to investigate issues faced by inter-caste couples** and offer them necessary assistance and protection.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched '**e-Pragati portal**', a digital platform for governance in the state, would help to connect all the state government departments and act as a stand-alone to resolve the issues.
- Myanmar has joined the India-initiated **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, becoming the **68th member of the grouping** that is aiming at optimum utilisation of solar energy.
  - ISA was Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then French President Francois Hollande at the **Paris climate summit in 2015**.
- **The Student Police Cadet (SPC) Programme** is scheduled to be launched nationally on the 21st July, 2018 by the Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh.
  - The programme seeks to **build a bridge between the Police and the larger community through school students** by inculcating values and ethics in them through classes in school and outside.
- A 2 day International conference on "**Empowering Women: Fostering Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Sustainability**" was organized by NITI

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Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Office of International Programmes (OIP) University of Delhi.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Myanmar has joined the India-initiated **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, **becoming the 68th member** of the grouping that is aiming at optimum utilisation of solar energy.
  - The International Solar Alliance was launched jointly by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Francois Hollande on the first day of the COP-21 summit at Paris in 2015.
- The US State Department has announced that the inaugural **'two-plus-two dialogue'** between India and the United States will be held in **New Delhi**.
- The UN has entered into a partnership with **Google** to monitor the **impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tools**.
  - The partnership was launched during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the **UN headquarters in New York**.

## ECONOMY

- According to **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, India will continue to be the world's fastest growing major economy, ahead of China, with **7.3 per cent growth rate in 2018-19 and 7.6 percent in 2019-20**.

## SCIENCE&TECHNOLOGY

- **Facebook** has confirmed it is working on a new satellite project, **named Athena**, that will provide broadband internet connections to rural and underserved areas.
  - The company aims to launch satellite in early 2019. In 2016, Facebook's internet satellite for Africa was lost when SpaceX's rocket exploded.